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SUBJ: CSTD II: AGENDA ITEM 3(A) - ROLE OF MODERN SCIENCE  
AND TECHNOLOGY IN DEVELOPMENT

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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF BELGIAN RESOLUTION ADOPTED  
BY CSTD ON MARCH 21 WITHOUT VOTE.

QUOTE THE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT  
RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING DRAFT RESOLUTION FOR ADOPTION  
BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL:

THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL,

GUIDED BY GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 3168 (XXVIII), IN  
WHICH THE ASSEMBLY REQUESTS IT TO GIVE PRIORITY, INTER ALIA,  
TO THE STRENGTHENING OF ECONOMIC, SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL  
CO-OPERATION AMONG STATES,

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BEARING IN MIND ITS RESOLUTION 1826 (LV), IN WHICH IT NOTES THE NEED FOR NEW ACTIONS TO INTENSIFY INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION PERMITTING ALL COUNTRIES, AND IN PARTICULAR THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, TO BENEFIT FROM THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF MODERN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR THE ACCELERATION OF THEIR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PROGRESS,

CONSIDERING

(A) THAT THERE SHOULD BE A PRECISE IDENTIFICATION, IN THE AREAS COVERED BY THE WORLD PLAN OF ACTION, OF THE OBSTACLES TO DEVELOPMENT WHICH COULD BE OVERCOME BY RECOURSE TO SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, AND A RESULTING SPECIFIC POLICY,

(B) THAT IT IS NECESSARY TO BRING THESE RESEARCH AND ACTION TARGETS TO THE ATTENTION OF THE GOVERNMENTS AND SCIENTIFIC TEAMS OF ALL COUNTRIES, DEVELOPED OR DEVELOPING, SO THAT THEY MAY VOLUNTARILY DIRECT THEIR EFFORTS TO THESE PROBLEMS, AS PART OF THEIR OVER-ALL POLICY,

(C) THAT IT IS ALSO DESIRABLE THAT THIS AWARENESS SHOULD LEAD TO ORGANIZED CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE INSTITUTIONS IN THE UNITED NATIONS FAMILY, THE OTHER INTERNATIONAL OR REGIONAL INSTITUTIONS AND THE NATIONAL BODIES CONCERNED,

AND THAT IT SHOULD HELP TO CREATE OR STRENGTHEN AN AUTONOMOUS RESEARCH AND ACTION POTENTIAL IN THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, AVOID DUPLICATION AND PROMOTE THE USE OF THE EXISTING POTENTIAL,

(D) THAT THESE ORGANIZED EFFORTS SHOULD COVER A SET OF PROBLEMS OF SUFFICIENTLY LIMITED SCOPE FOR THEM TO REMAIN SPECIFIC, BUT OF SUFFICIENTLY BROAD SCOPE FOR THEM TO CONSTITUTE A WORLD-WIDE AND INTERDISCIPLINARY EXPERIMENT IN THE APPLICATION OF SCIENCE TO DEVELOPMENT, ON THE BASIS OF WHICH THE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT COULD DETERMINE AND IMPROVE ITS SUBSEQUENT PRACTICE,

(E) THAT A STUDY OF THE ARID AREAS MIGHT BE A PILOT PROJECT THAT COULD REPRESENT AN INITIAL SPHERE OF ACTION WHICH,  
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FIRSTLY, OFFERS THE ADVANTAGE OF HAVING BEEN THE SUBJECT OF DETAILED PREPARATION BY A UNESCO PROGRAMME, AT THE RESEARCH LEVEL, AND BY SEVERAL PROGRAMMES OF OTHER AGENCIES, AT THE ACTION LEVEL, AND WHICH, SECONDLY, RAISES URGENT AND SOMETIMES TRAGIC PROBLEMS FOR A LARGE NUMBER OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES,

1. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO TAKE THE NECESSARY STEPS

TO CONVENE, THROUGH UNESCO, AN AD HOC INTERAGENCY TASK FORCE ON THE ARID AREAS, COMPRISING PERSONS APPOINTED BY THE COMPETENT ORGANIZATIONS IN THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM, INCLUDING WHO, FAO, UNDP AND UNEP AND THE REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMISSIONS WHO WOULD WORK WITHIN THE LIMITS OF THE EXISTING RESOURCES OF THE ORGANIZATIONS. IT WOULD IDENTIFY PRECISELY THE OBSTACLES ENCOUNTERED BY THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE NOT YET BEEN OVERCOME BY SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE OBSTACLES PREVENTING THE APPLICATION OF AVAILABLE TECHNOLOGY, INCLUDING SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC OBSTACLES OR OTHER OBSTACLES, INCLUDING INSTITUTIONAL ONES, AND WOULD ALSO PREPARE AN INVENTORY OF CURRENT RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ACTIONS AND PROGRAMMES, WITH A VIEW TO PREPARING A WORLD PROGRAMME OF DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH AND APPLICATION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY TO SOLVE THE SPECIAL PROBLEMS OF THE ARID AREAS.

2. REQUESTS THE AD HOC INTERAGENCY TASK FORCE TO KEEP THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE APPLICATION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY TO DEVELOPMENT INFORMED OF THE RESULTS OF ITS WORK AND TO REPORT THEREON TO THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL WORKING GROUP SET UP BY THE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT ON THE QUESTION OF A UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT, AT ITS 1975 MEETING.

3. REQUESTS THE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT, AT ITS THIRD SESSION, TO CONSIDER AND FURTHER ELABORATE THIS PROGRAMME AND TO TRANSMIT IT TO THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL FOR THE PURPOSE OF ITS IMPLEMENTATION.  
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OF OP PARA 1 WHICH CALLS FOR CONVENING INTER-AGENCY TASK FORCE ON ARID LANDS. FIRST STEP IN IMPLEMENTATION WILL BE PLACING ARID LANDS ON THE AGENDA OF ACC SUB-COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WHICH WILL MEET IN FALL 1974. SUBSEQUENT ACTION (IF ANY) WILL DEPEND ON DECISIONS OF THE ACC SUB-COMMITTEE.  
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